June: Imagination

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Song Day	Visit Your Library
Talk about what the word imagi- nation means. Point out and say aloud each letter in the word "imagination."	Head outside to make a fort or cas- tle that you can play in together.	Make up a recipe together and cook something fun. Try to use healthy ingredients.	Have your child pretend to be a bird and fly around the house.	Make a hat out of things in your house. Decide where or for what event your child would wear their hat.	Have a real or imaginary tea party with your child and sing I'm a Little Teapot.	Check out some books about imagination. If possible get <i>Harold</i> and the Purple Crayon, It Looked Like Spilt Milk, and Pete's a Pizza.
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Go outside, lie on the ground, and look up at the clouds. What shapes do you see? If you have a copy, read <i>It Looked Like Spilt Milk</i> .	Have your child imagine what it might be like to live on the moon. Have them draw a picture of what they imagine.	Ask your child what they would like to be when they grow up and have them draw a self-portrait of themselves as an adult.	Use a broom or stick as a pretend horse. Ride your horse around the house, driveway or yard.	Make up a song about the month of June and sing it together.	Bath Time Bring some objects with you into the bath. Use them to tell a story about their life in the water.	Pretend to make a pizza. If you have a copy, read <i>Pete's a Pizza</i> or any book about pizza. Act out the book after you read it together.
Read a book and ask your child to imagine what would have hap- pened if the characters in the story made different choices.	Science Day Pretend that you are seeds planted in the ground and then grow into a flower. Talk about what seeds need to grow.	Imagine something amazing and then draw it with a purple crayon. If you have a copy, read <i>Harold and</i> <i>the Purple Crayon</i> .	Paint on the sidewalk or driveway with water and watch it evapo- rate.	Make bubble solution (recipe in the back). Sit outside and blow bubbles. Look for shapes in the bubbles that float by.	Set up a pretend kitchen and cook something with your child.	Make a tiny boat out of leaves. Go to a pond or stream to sail it.
				Mother Goose Time	Song Day	
Play dress up using old clothes. Put on a little show in costume.	Use your imagination to go on a Maine trip. Where would you go and what would you see?	Read a book together. Have your child imagine what happens after the book ends.	Use dolls, action figures, or stuffed animals to act out a story.	Hickory, Dickory, Dock! The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck one. The mouse ran down. Hicko- ry, Dickory, Dock.	London Bridge is falling down! falling down! falling down! Lon- don Bridge is falling down! My fair lady!	Set up a pretend grocery store and let your child go shopping. Talk about choosing healthy foods.
Cover the floor with paper and have everyone make one large picture together.	Imagine that a laundry basket or box is a car for your child. Make car noises and drive around the house.	Read a fairy tale together. If you don't have any fairy-tale books, make up your own story about a character from a fairy tale.	Mother Goose Time! Star light, star bright, the first star I see tonight; I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish I wish to- night.	Ask your child what kind of pet they would have if they could have any animal in the world.	Make salt dough or use Play-doh and have your child use it to mold an imaginary animal. Have them describe what their animal is and what it is called.	Take a walk outside and play I Spy.

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